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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,  
of the Borough of Appleby.

Sir, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Borough during the year 1945. The Report follows the lines of those presented during the past few years.

I am indebted to the help I have received from the School Medical Officers of the County in carrying out immunisation against Diphtheria and tend to them my thanks.

The work of the Sanitary Inspector has been most efficient and though often entailing overtime, has been cheerfully carried out and I would thank him for his valuable help.

The Medical Profession has given me all the assistance required and so assured harmonious working between the departments of Private and Public Medicine; for this I am most grateful.

As this will probably be the last occasion on which I shall make an Annual Report to you, I wish to acknowledge the unfailing help I have received from your Officials and for the constant courtesy given to me by your Council during the more than 31 years of my happy service.

Should you desire any further particulars I shall be glad to supply the same on your request.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir, Lady and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
(Signed) W. BARON COCKILL,  
Medical Officer of Health.

1st July, 1946.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st 1945.

Area. (acres). 1,877.

Registrar General's estimate of resident population  
mid 1945. 1,658.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

	Total	M..	F.	
Legitimate,	26	15	11	Birth Rate per 1,000 of
Live Births.				estimated resident
Illegitimate,	-	-	-	population 15.6
Birth Rate, England & Wales.				16.1.
Still Births.	Nil.			
Still Birth Rate, England & Wales,				0.46.
Deaths	29	15	14	Death Rate per 1,000 of
				estimated resident
				population 17.5
Death Rate, England & Wales,				11.4
Deaths from Puerperal Causes:				
Puerperal Sepsis			Nil.	
Other/				

Other Puerperal Causes. Nil.

Maternal Mortality Rate, England & Wales. 1.79.

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births Nil.

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate Live births. Nil.

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births. Nil.

Infantile Death Rate, England & Wales, 46.

Deaths from Cancer. (all ages)	2.
" " Measles (all ages)	Nil.
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil.
" " Diarrhoea. (Under 2 years of age)	Nil.

The largest number of deaths from any one Cause were:-

Heart Disease.	7
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions	6
Cancer.	2

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

There has been no extension in Housing, Water Supplies or Sewerage and the System of Public Cleansing remains the same.

##### Housing:

The numbers of inhabited houses in 504. No new houses were erected.

There is a certain amount of overcrowding; a small number of houses should be condemned but improvements will be made in some cases by converting two houses into one.

The Council have purchased land for the erection of 90 houses.

Permission from the Ministry to advertise for tenders for road construction, sewers etc. has been received also for the erection of 16 houses in the first year.

##### Water:

One sample has been analysed and report states:-  
"After 24 hours, this sample afforded no evidence of any action on lead. The results of both the chemical analysis and of the bacteriological examination show that the sample is free from contamination by sewage and other foul drainage, the only defect being the presence of a large number of micro-organisms, probably due to some slight defect which, if remedied, would leave no ground for criticism, otherwise the supply is satisfactory".

This supply is sufficient for the Area. All houses in the Area are connected to the main supply with the following exceptions:-

1. Colby Laithes Farm, drinking water from pump. Stock - from river Eden.
2. Hungriggs Farm, piped supply from spring.
3. Dwelling House at Bainbridge Close, spring with rain water store in addition.

26 premises outside the Borough, situated in the North Westmorland Area, are supplied with water from Appleby Main.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area:

The District is visited regularly. A small number of defects occurred chiefly intercepting traps or blocked gullies: these have all been removed by the Owner on request.

The Hostel erected for the Women's Land Army was occupied by the Kirkby Thore Thistle Plaster Works under the Man Power Board.

At the end of the year there remained eleven official evacuees from London.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk:

No samples for cleanliness or the presence of tubercle bacilli have been taken.

Meat:

Meat is supplied from the Central Killing Station at Penrith.

Adulteration etc. and Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

The County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority and this work is carried out by Mr. C.J.H. Stock, B.S.C., F.I.C. County Analyst, Darlington.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There were notified 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria and 2 of Pneumonia.

Artificial Immunisation against Diphtheria has been continued: 36 children under 5 years of age and 7 of school age have been immunised.

The Clinic for the treatment of Scabies has been in charge of Nurse Brigg; 31 cases have been treated for which 256 baths have been given. The School Medical Officers state that a high standard of Health, Nutrition and Cleanliness has been maintained throughout the year amongst the school children.

Modern Isolation Hospital Accommodation is still lacking.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
66.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

There was only one case of Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified, in which Cervical Glands were involved.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES TABLE.

DISEASE.	Total	Ages.											Admitted to Hospital	Deaths	
		-1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-			55-
Scarlet Fever.	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Diphtheria.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia.	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	--	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Measles.	21	-	1	2	1	2	7	3	4	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	29	-	1	2	1	2	12	5	4	-	1	-	1	6	-





